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1. Supplies on hand in the 1787th Dump were:

Item	Amount
Truck tires, 7½ x 20	1870 pieces complete, with inner tubes
Sedan tires, varying in size from 6 x 16 to 7½ x 16	180 pieces complete, with inner tubes
Acid for batteries	1200 kg.
Hydrochloric acid (solenaya kislota)	180 kg.
Khaki nitropaint	6000 kg.
Acetone	1500 kg.
Carbide	600 kg.
Metal, steel	26 t.
Cotton stuffing (for seats)	4½ t.
Rags for cleaning	7 t.
Lumber, boards	12 cu. m.
Black and white paint	4 tm.
Soldering lead	1 t.
Babbitt metal	6 t.
Assorted nuts, bolts, pins, screws, nails	2½ t.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Automobile jacks	about 350 pieces
6 v. - 135 amp. batteries	about 250 pieces
Assorted files	2500 pieces
Assorted measuring instruments	about 350 pieces
Brushes for cleaning	300 pieces
Assorted ball bearings	40,000
Electric appliances for ZIS-5, Dodge, Studebaker and Willys, including starters, dynamos, electric lights, bulbs, signal lights, distributors, wires, conductors, and circuits	5 wear loads (a wear load was about 12 tons)
Assorted cutting, threading, boring tools	about 12,000 tools
Raw rubber for patches	1½ t.
Rubber hoses	20,000 m.
Spare parts for ZIS-5 such as; radiators, assemblies, engines, blocks, rear and front axles, truck cabs, gear shifts, steering equipment, oil pans	18-19 wear loads
Spare parts for Studebaker trucks (same as listed for ZIS-5)	32 wear loads
Spare parts for Dodge trucks (same as for ZIS-5)	8 wear loads
Spare parts for Willys (same as for ZIS-5)	4 wear loads
Spare parts for Mack trucks (same as for ZIS-5)	1 wear load
Unserviceable rubber scrap (old tires)	10 wear loads
2. The 1787th had in stock (not part of its organic transportation); 12 new trucks, of GAZ 63 model; 4 Mercedes sedans; 1 BMW sedan; 5 unserviceable US 8-ton Macks; 3 unserviceable sedans, 1 BMW, 1 Mercedes, and 1 Alfa Romeo.	
3. The total supplies in the 1787th came to 80-82 wear loads.	

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The 1787th had 6500 different items among its supplies. The 6500 items were in good condition, wrapped in oiled paper wherever necessary, displayed in clearly marked bins and shelves, and assorted properly according to make of vehicle. The annual turnover was about 30 times of assorted items. The 1787th was supposed to have spare parts for tractors and had on its T/O a tractor officer. Actually, the 1787th had no spare parts for tractors; tractor spare parts were stored in GOFD depots.

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4. The Depot received new supplies from German factories. Spare parts for US trucks were partly US stocks, packed in boxes with English lettering, and partly manufactured in Koenigswuster Hausen UTM-33UVT06957. Each of the GOFG Armies had such a parts depot, [redacted] The 4th Gds.

[redacted] Mecz. Army had a spare parts depot for tanks (along the same lines as the 1787th) located near Finow See Enclosure A7. [redacted]

[redacted] Requisitions were submitted by the Chief of the Auto Dept. of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army and were carried out by German factories. Transportation organic to the 1787th picked up the materials and items.

- a. The 4th Gds. Mecz. Army had a food depot in Eberswalde UTM-33UVU19557 which had, [redacted] a 15 day level of supplies.

- b. The 4th Gds. Mecz. Army had a clothing depot in Finowfurt UTM-33UVU11567. This depot also contained welfare, cultural and political equipment (radios, books, athletic equipment). [redacted]

- c. The 4th Gds. Mecz. Army had a POL depot See Enclosure B7 in the woods near Biesenthal UTM-33UVU08477. [redacted] 10 underground gas tanks there and [redacted] each tank held about 20 t. of gasoline. The depot also had an undetermined number of 200 liter drums of gasoline.

- d. GOFG and 4th Gds. Mecz. Army each had an artillery ammunition depot in Finow. [redacted] these two depots had no artillery pieces, but only ammunition. [redacted]

- e. [redacted] depots were in the same town as the division headquarters.

5.

[redacted]

6. Peacetime ammunition units of fire known to me were:

- a. TT Pistol 16 rounds
b. Carbine 14 rounds
c. SMG (PPSh) 144 rounds

In wartime offensive or defensive action no limit was placed on use of ammunition. [redacted]

[redacted] The DEKA plant in Ketchendorf UTM-33UVU3600 manufactured tires for GOFG.

7.

- a. [redacted] there was an individual iron ration, and also iron rations in large boxes for company size units. [redacted] it contained: canned meat, barley, dried bread, sugar, flour, salt, matches, mahorka-tabacco, cigarette papers, and fats.

- b. The iron rations, (Neprikosnovennyye Zapasy) were not issued to troops, but were stored in GOFG or Army food depots.

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- 25X1 8. [] mileage on one fuel tank of gas for the following vehicles is: ZIS-5, 250 km.; GAZ 63 and Studebakers, 400 km.
9. The policy of the Soviet Army was to utilize large amounts of organic heavy bridging equipment and to use local materials only in emergencies.
- 25X1 10. [] penicillin, sulfa drugs, and morphine
25X1 [] were available in the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army.
- 25X1 11. [] shortages: 11 x 24 tires were needed for
25X1 my Mack trucks. []
25X1 [] other shortages were: acetone, carbide, acids, and steel (especially thin sheets).

Miscellaneous

12. Weapons, equipment and clothing of line units of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army, Finow were inspected daily by the unit first sergeant. The company CO made inspections once a week. The food was checked daily by medical officers.
- 25X1 13. []
the declaration of supply shortages went through the following channels: from a unit supply officer to regimental headquarters, to division headquarters, which then informed army headquarters of the shortages. Army headquarters requested shortages from the front supply officer. The junior supply officers of the front would go to depots, which were 40-50 km. in the rear, draw the needed supplies, and ship them by rail or truck (according to conditions) direct to the divisions, bypassing army and corps. A regiment picked up supplies from the division with vehicles organic to the regiment and distributed the supplies to subunits. The supply system functioned well during World War II.
14. In April 1953 all food, clothing, POL, signal, and engineering equipment for GOFG was produced in the Soviet Zone of Germany and was stored in GOFG and army depots.
- 25X1 15. There were mobile repair units and supply points for wartime,
25X1 but [] were not used in the Soviet Zone of Germany []
16. Vehicles of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army not in daily use were stored on blocks in garages or on open parking areas. They were fully serviced with gas and oil, and in case of an emergency, only water had to be added. [] all vehicles could be mobile in 5 or 10 minutes.
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[] there was one alert annually for divisions and subunits of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army.

- Enclosure A: Pinpoint Location of Soviet Military Installations in Finowfurt, Finow /5205N-1344E/ and Eberswalde
- B: Pinpoint Location of a POL Depot near Biesenthal /5246N-1339E/

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ANNEX A:

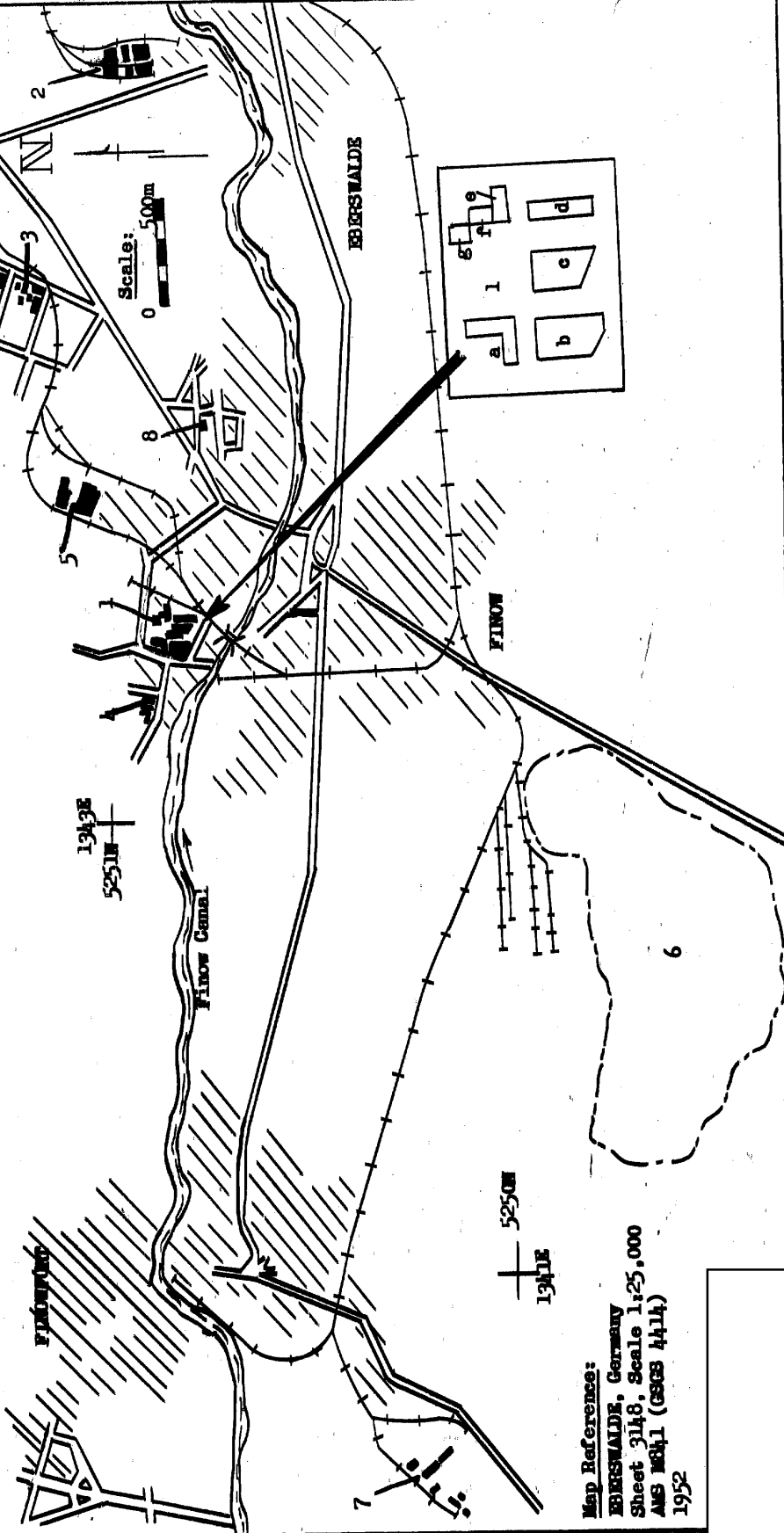
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Enclosure A

Pinpoint Location of Soviet Military Installations in FINEFURT, FINEW (5250N-1341E) and EBERSWALDE



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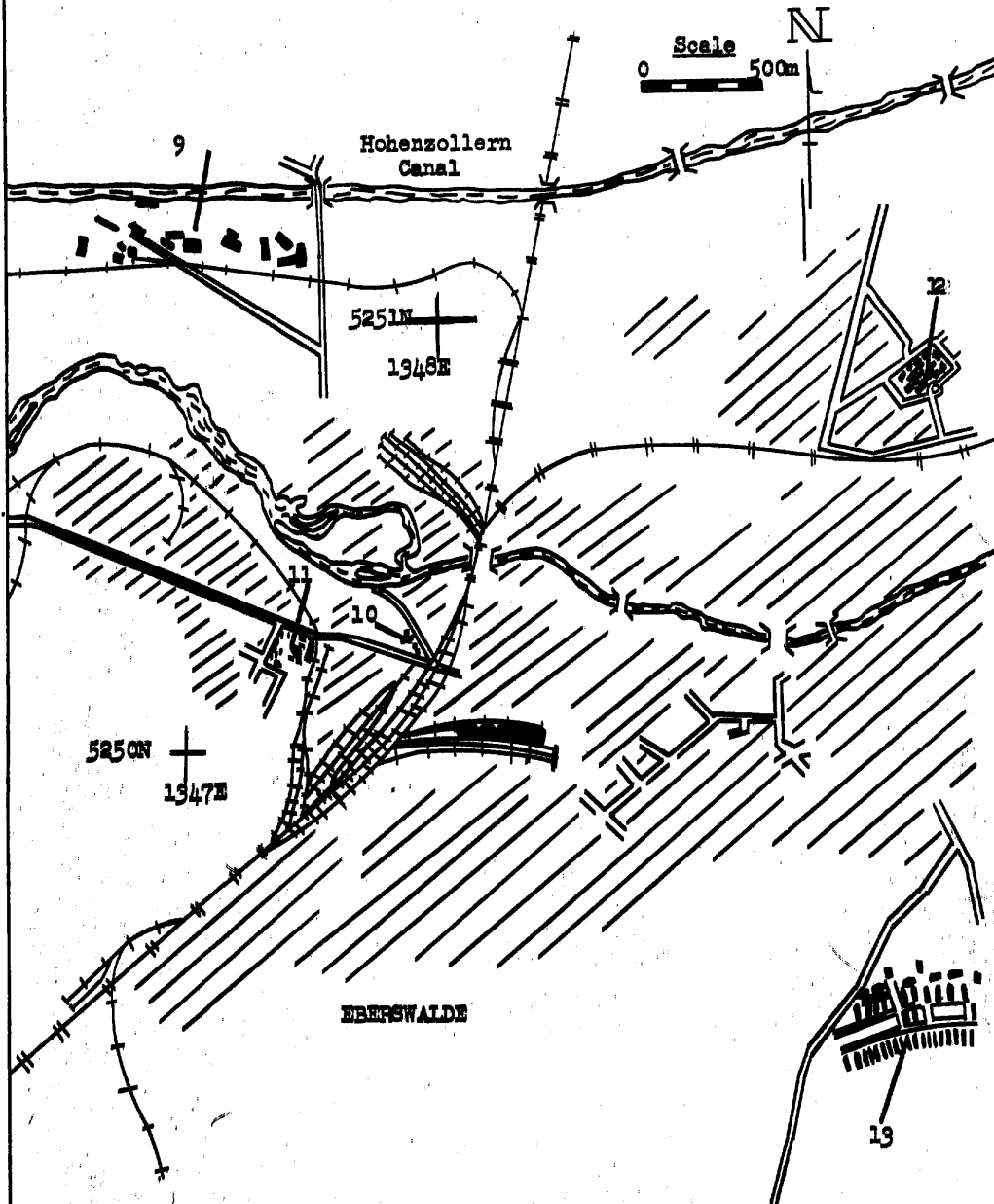
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Enclosure A

Pinpoint Location of Soviet Military Installations in FINOWFURT.FINOW and EBERSWALDE (5250N-1348E)

Map Reference:
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Pinpoint Location of Soviet Military InstallationsIn FINOWFURT, FINOW and EBERSWALDE (5250N-1348E)LEGEND

1. 482d Army Automobile Repair Base and 1787 Army Motor Transport and Tractor Supply Depot

Area, about 400 x 400 m, was formerly a German ammunition factory. All bldgs were of dark gray stone. Offices, workshops and depots were scattered in bldgs b, c, e, f and g, and it was not possible to define between the area of 1787 Depot and the area of the 482d Base.

The CO of 482d, Lt Col (fnu) PUSHKAREV, was CO of the area. There were no gates nor fence around the area. During the day, two sentries, and during the night six sentries, were detailed from 1787 Depot and 482d Base to patrol the area.

- a. Billets for EM: 2-story L-shaped bldg, each wing about 100 x 20 m. About 120 EM of 482d Base were billeted there.
 - b. 1787 Depot: 1-story bldg, 200 x 100 m. Also contained offices and some workshops of 482d.
 - c. 482d Repair Shops: 1-story, about 150 x 75 m.
 - d. Mess hall and billets: mess hall was 2-story bldg, about 200 x 20 m. Used by 27 officers and about 160 EM of 1787 and 482d.
 - e. 1787 Depot: 2-story, 100 x 20 m.
 - f. 482d Workshops: 2-story, 50 x 20 m.
 - g. 1787 Office and Depots: 2-story, 50 x 20 m.
 2. 468th Tank Repair Base and Tank Spare Parts Depot
- Details unk. (Listed as #4382 in Caserne List, Sov Zone of Germany, issued 23 Dec 52 by USAREUR ID)
3. Artillery Depots for GOFU and the 4th Gds Mech Army
- Details unk.
4. Artillery Repair Base
- Details unk.
5. 108 Sep Sig Bn and u/i Air Liaison Det
- Details unk.
6. FINOW Air Field
 7. Army Clothing Depot
- Details unk.
8. Officers' Billets

This 2-story gray stone house, about 100 x 20 m, was very

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luxuriously furnished. It was not fenced off, but was guarded by sentries from 1800 to 0600 hours.

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9. U/i Eng-Ponton Bn

Located in former German barracks. Details unk.

10. Army Food and Rations Depot

Details unk.

11. Kommandatura and HQs of an u/i AAA Div

12. Army Hospital

13. HQs of 4th Gds Mecz Army, and Motor Pool, u/i Rkt Launcher Regt and u/i Arty/u/i Units of 4th Gds Mecz Army

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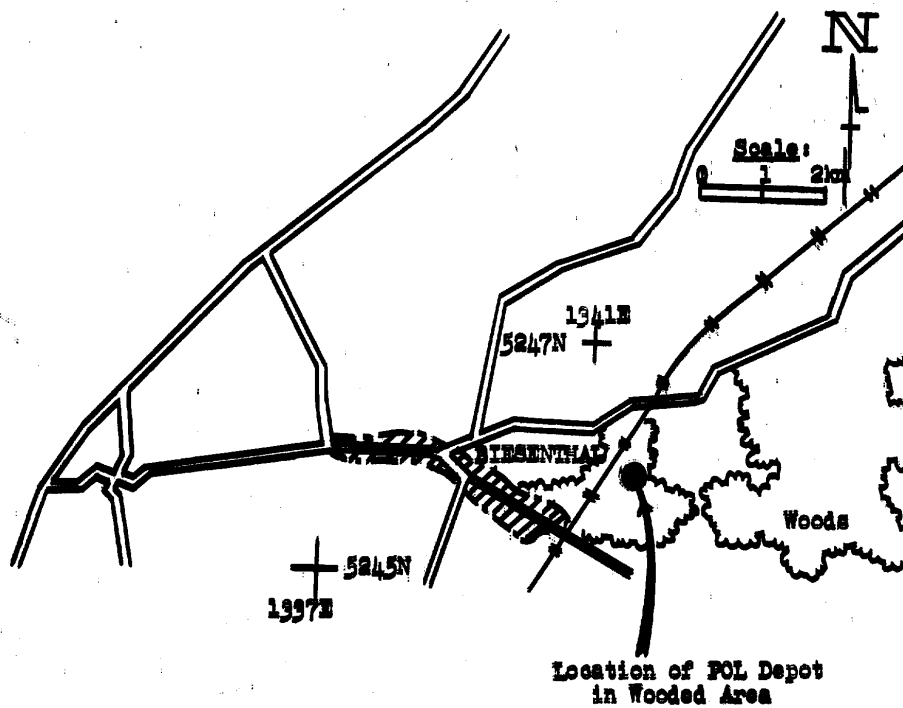
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Enclosure B

Pinpoint Location of a POL Depot near BIESENTHAL (5246N-1339E)



Map Reference:

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